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IN THE RECENT CONVENTION, GATHERED IN SHORT.

WHAT THE NEGRO WILL ACCEPT.

A Review of the Field—Great Leaders With Minds—The Douglass of To-day—Inspiration and Hope.

The doings of the recent Afro-American Council convened at Washington, D. C., December 29, have been published more or less fully in daily and weekly papers throughout the land and therefore require no further detail. The object of this article is to deal with questions suggested and results likely to flow out from this gathering. A word as to its personnel may not be out of place. It had as its presiding officer a bishop and as its secretary an agitator. On the floor were clergymen, editors, politicians, business men, a few teachers and several farmers. The editors were without exception the detail workers while the politicians out of an office were the chief talkers. There were present many persons of national prominence and many others not widely known but of splendid standing and strong character and position. In short it was a gathering that about as completely and fully represented the aggressive elements of the race as could be conceived of or mustered together.

From the start a line was drawn between so-called radicals and conservatives which tacitly want those who wanted to denounce President McKinley and those who wished to avoid this character of expression.

The conservative element exercised control throughout over all motions passed but were unable to prevent the outburst of popular feeling which gave vent to itself in hisses when Johnnie Green, of Cleveland, O., undertook to make such a speech as usually addressed by ministers to the amen corner. The people were in no mood to hear with patience any one whose utterences lacked the ring of sincerity and smacked of the sound of office-seeking or office-holding sychophancy, from persons above suspicion of such motives the people heard any utterence with patience and fairness but those whose words bore the least suspicion of sychophancy were greeted with hisses that could not be suppressed.

This means a great deal that argues well. It shows that the people have at last discovered the real value of the average office-holder as a champion of the rights of his race. The president, Bishop A. Walters, was from start to finish a favorite. Although Prof. Dancey and others of his church hold office, yet he was fearless, out-spoken and even severe in his utterences touching the apparent indifference of the administration to the fate of the Negro. This attitude bore the marks of sincerity and sincerity was the only quality that any particular value at that gathering.

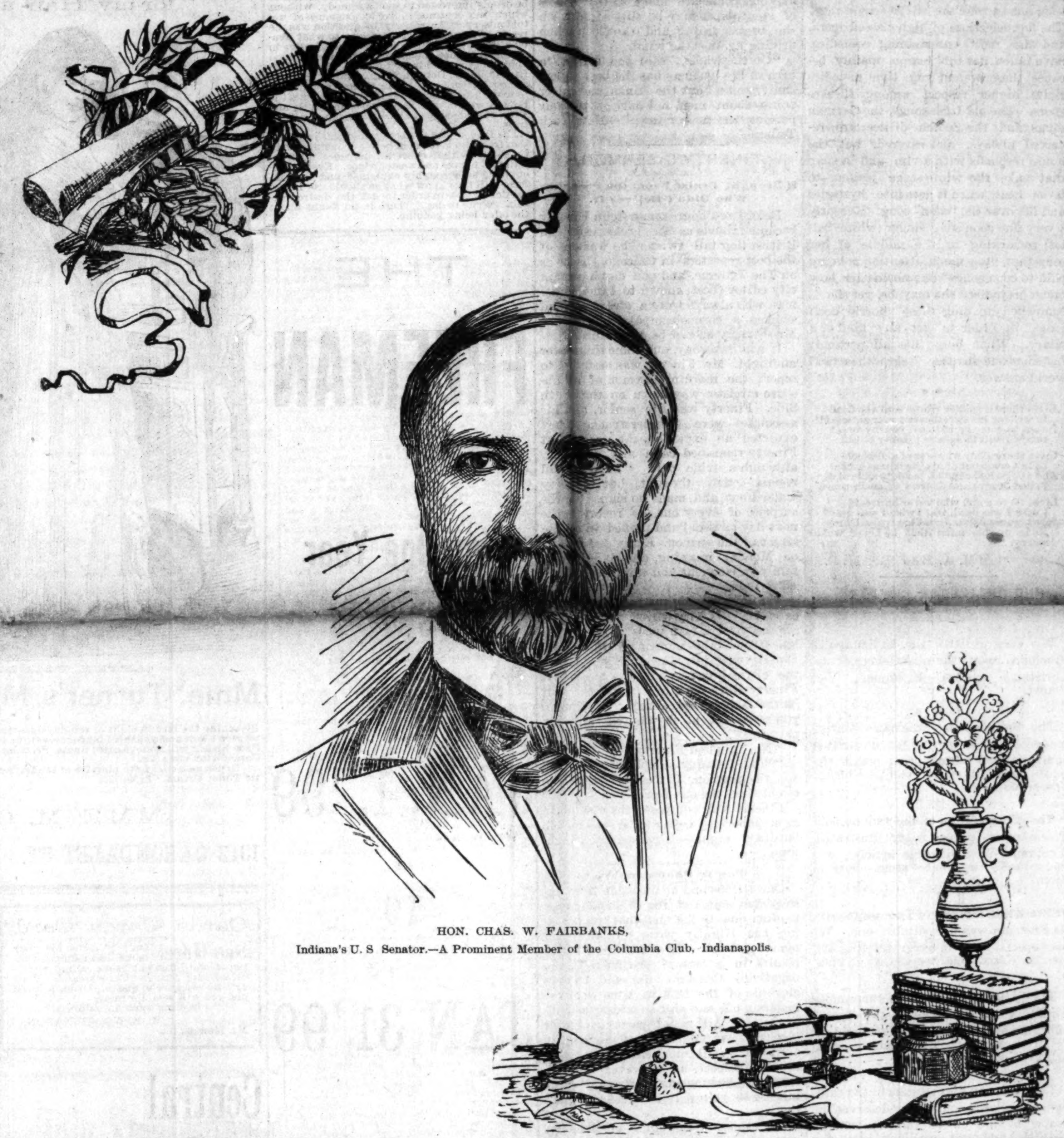
T. Thomas Fortune wrote the address which is by all odds the most able document given out by colored men for many years.

The general opinion that Mr. Fortune is given to flightness caused many to fear to allow his words to be read in public until first heard in executive session. The struggle to impose this condition led to much debate but finally carried out subsequent events proved that it was a needless precaution as the address was thoroughly sober and sound. It speaks for itself and will be reproduced in all of the leading race journals. Now what good did the convention accomplish? Certainly nothing in the way of presenting a definite plan of action. Certainly nothing in ennunciating a clear cut doctrine. But it did good in that it brought together the independent men of the race and allowed them to exchange ideas on the quiet and thus prepared them to go home and work out their notions with greater zeal and courage. Little as this may seem, it is worth much. The chronic agitators and sensationalists received the reward of passing applause and a corresponding lessening of influence, but the solid men received inspiration and hope. Nothing formulated in the way of resolutions will amount to much but a great deal, generated privately in various brains will fear print.

To see the men who were present and to realize that here and there throughout the country are such leaders was enough to give each individual leader new grit. He would not ask that any one else think as does he because local conditions differ, but the conviction that there are hundreds of others who are as sincere and who, under the circumstances that confront them are as fearless and earnest was enough. At this present moment my old sectarian antagonist. Bishop A. Walters is the foremost man of the race and represents the best and most promising activity of the race. In the presence of broad race interests merely sectarian or local interests disappear. The man who can face the nation and says: "I will submit to the surrender of no manhood rights," gets the people. He is the man no matter what else. Alex. Walters is the Douglass of to-day.

The Washington convention made plain the fact that the Afro-American does not intend to accept anything less than his full rights as a man and a citizen. What more could you ask?

J. M. HENDERSON,
New York City.



HON. CHAS. W. FAIRBANKS,
Indiana's U. S Senator.—A Prominent Member of the Columbia Club, Indianapolis.

News Items of Interest.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Sallie Montgomery is very sick at her residence in Elm street. Mrs. Alice Marshall entertained her friends recently. Miss Josie Grissom has recovered from la grippe. Miss Mary Smith and Mrs. Leonard Johnson, spent Sunday in Hoganville. Misses Laura and Bertha Reede spent Sunday at Indianapolis. The young ladies of Shelbyville take great interest in The Freeman and we hope that the young men will do likewise. Miss Lizzie White and Mr. Arthur Allen visited Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall. Miss Lee Edwards, will return to her home in Indianapolis soon. The revival services which are being conducted by the Rev. Dr. R. King are quite interesting. Mr. John Dudley is still very ill at his home in Elm street. There were services at Wiley's Chapel during this week. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vanmeter will go to Hope, Ind., to attend a party given by Mr. Vanmeter's brother. Burt H. Bosan will attend Wabash college next spring. Lee Owens expects to go to Indianapolis to work this spring. The teachers are all busy this week, as it is examination. Mr. Thomas Grissom will spend to-morrow in Greensburg. Ernest Montgomery will sail with his regiment to Cuba next month. Allen Grissom will join the military band. Rev. L. W. Gray is in Cincinnati.

Hannibal News.

Hannibal, Mo., Special.

Mrs. Lucy Broock was elected president of the Christian Endeavor, of the A. M. E. church, Jan., 8, '99. Ice is harvested here in large quantities. Miss Daisy Doolin has returned from a short visit to Quincy Ill. Rastus Newberry, our enterprising colored grocer is having fair success. Revival is being carried on at the A. M. E church Hannibal Common pleas court met Jan. 9, '99. Miss Julia Lewis of Paris, Mo., is a teacher in Douglass school. Miss Jeannette Norton from Mattoon, Ill., is choir organist at the A. M. E. chapel. The Baptist Sunday school reports a fair attendance. Miss Alta Dorsey and Miss Nora Woods rendered a duet here with much success. Dr. O. C. Queen is recorded as Hannibal's enterprising colored physician. Miss Settles of Douglass school is on the sick list yet. Our colored population here numbers about 3,500 yet they are slow in subscribing for the greatest colored journal in the world. But they will soon subscribe and lend a helping hand to Negro industry. Work is going on in building business houses destroyed by two great fires. Edward Phenix our young Odd Fellow, and violinist is having much success. He was elected secretary of the Odd Fellows lodge, and has a good promising future before him. The Douglass high school literary club has challenged the Banneker club for a debate. "Be it resolved that the Negro of the south has made greater progress than the Negro of the north." This promises to an interesting event with the young people of the city.

Personal Mention.

Mt. Pleasant, Ia., Special.

Miss Emma Reed has returned from DesMoines. James Thomas of Ft. Madison was here on business recently. Mesdames Clark, Alexander, Smith and Mr. Pierson are on the sick list at this writing. Mrs. Laura Reeves died on the 2nd inst, at the hospital. Rev. J. R. Clemins, of Springfield, Ill., was here a few days ago. Mrs. Chas. Tally and daughter Alma, spent the holidays in Knoxville, Ill. Mrs. J. W. Fiddler is visiting in Chicago. Mrs. Alice Johnson departed this life on the 26th ult., at Ottumwa, Ia. The remains were brought here for burial and the funeral services were conducted at the A. M. E. church by her pastor, Rev. F. J. Peterson. Miss Dora Smith has returned from a pleasant visit at Muscatine. Revival meetings are in progress at the A. M. E. church. Miss Carrie McCracken entertained friends at a birthday party Saturday afternoon. Rev. Eli Grant has returned to his home in Knoxville, Ill. Geo McGregor and Arthur Smith have returned to Council Bluff. Mrs. F. J. Peterson has recovered from a severe attack of la grippe.

UNION CITY ITEMS.

NEWS FROM A BEAUTIFUL THRIVING LITTLE CITY WHERE MANY

AFRO-AMERICANS OWN HOMES

And are Doing Much to Solve the Problem—Their Churches are a Credit—Local Notes—Personal Mention.

Union City is a beautiful town on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, where it is crossed by the N. C., & St. L. Road. 150 miles from the state capital, and 20 miles from the Reelfoot Lake, one of the greatest hunting and fishing resorts in the south. In a population of 7000 inhabitants 1500 are colored most of whom own their own homes, and has six church organizations, the Pilgrim Rest, Rest Baptist church, on east Bell street, a tasty brick structure 60x40 was built by Rev. B. F. Stone its present pastor, it has a membership of 98 members, and was built at a cost of $3500. A little more than a stones throw from the Baptist church and on the same street, erected in modern style is Brown Chapel A. M. E. church, built by Rev. John W. Wood to whom the congregation owes great credit. It was built at a cost of $4000 which is said to be cheap. Out on east hill near the city's public school building, overlooking almost the entire city stands the C. M. E. church, the work of Elder T. J. Farmer, presents a beautiful picture, and has as fine a pulpit as any church in the city and cost $3,600, having a total membership of 154 members, Rev. G. W. Morgan its present pastor. Next comes the Cumberland Presbyterian church which is a frame building with vestibule end. It is in the western part of the city although not having a large membership they have regular services with Jerry Henderson, pastor. The Second Baptist church on Grove street, although but a little over a year old has 27 members enrolled and under the Rev. Dr. Amos Parr has one of the largest and most instructive Sunday schools in the city. The First Colored Christians organized nine months ago, with seven members now has 16, has bought the old Missionary Baptist church and is preparing to rebuild it and then have a place of worship. The Queen Esther Court numbering sixty financial members has bought and built a nice a nice frame hall which is fitted up with a complete outfit is a credit to the women of the town and is valued at $400. Mrs. Hattie Morton is sick. Mr. and Mrs. James Collier's infant child died on the night of the 9th. The baby had been slightly ill for a day or so. Rev. B. F. Stone took up a collection of $48.22 on the first Sunday in the month. Mrs. Katie Buchanan is on the sick list. Mrs. Ella McCambell is sick. Mrs. Ida Watson has opened school at Clayton again. Union City has a large list of subscribers and is well represented in The Freeman. Presiding elder L. J. Valentine held his quarterly meeting here on the 8th. See H. D. Wells and get The Freeman either by single copy or by the year.

News Items.

Springfield, O., Special.

The revival services are being conducted at Allen Chapel on Clifton street. Mrs. Davis who has been ill with la grippe is convalescing. Rev. Kent, a Cuban minister, preached at the Third Baptist church Sunday evening. Miss Gussie Banks has returned home from Urbana, O., where she was in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Julia Tudor, an old and estimable citizen of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Brown entertained the R. B., L. B. & R. orchestra at taffy pulling at their home on West Fair street. Little Mamie Bogle is ill with la grippe. Mr. and Mrs. Guina buried their infant daughter last week who died of la grippe.

The Xmas number of The Indianapolis Freeman was a creditable one. We take special pains in congratulating Mr, Geo. L. Knox.—Galveston City Times.

MAJOR'S MELANGE.

The Negro should depend more on himself. The other races are organizing themselves into business combines and the Negro is begging to live, begging to be saved after death, and when he is dead somebody must beg money to bury him. Is it any wonder that he is lost in the shuffle? Fit only for heaven.

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The jew starts his fortune on peddling shoddy goods. The Italian with the organ and his monkey. The Mexican sells candy. The German bakes his bread and brews his beer. The white American chooses the professions enters all lines of business. Buys up cheap land, builds houses to rent, and the Negro is so devilish good that he builds nothing but fine churches, and longs for the "many mansions beyond this vale of tears," regardless of the correct use of the "God given talents" he is expected to improve here on earth. But what is the use of philosophy, when the world knows the freakful antics of the Negroes of America are a set of collossal jokes?

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Let us get right. Let men who have the interest of the race at heart, lead the way for the masses, let the masses get together to endorse the sentiment of the best brain of the race. White men differ as individuals, but as a race they are a unit on everthing that tends to glorify the white skin. What is in the Negro that prevents him exercising this similar pride for his kind?

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The Negro has some wealth, some education, and more religion to the square inch than any other race, yet he is in the throes of despair. It is evident that the above traits are essential to his happiness and progress but they do not get him the priveleges, nor rights, any other race enjoys, with the same quanity and quality in stock. It is not the ignorance of the masses, as the masses of any other race are ignorant. The trouble lies in this. The white man's contemptuousness, or the Negroes willfulness to do just what he blames the white man for doing, the total disregard for his black qenefactors. Now it stands to reason. if the Negro does not stand up for his own great men the white man cannot be expected to do it.

Negro Councils do some good. There is good in every right effort to better racial canditions. The Negro has grievances it is right that he should let it be known what tolerations he cannot bear. When the Negro sits in council to judge the cruelties and neglect, and to place the cause and the fault where they rightly belong, it is by no means an insinuation that there is a "Negro uprising," it is a sign that there is a racial personality maturing and that we as men are no more to be called Uncle, or Tom, Bill and John. Somebody is called upon to respect the rights of the Negro, or the Negro will do the thing that pleases him best when the right time comes.

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There is life out side of politics, outside of every thing in which the Negro is a professed hide-bound innocent. The trouble with the Negro is this; he never has sufficient means as one man, to do a respectable business, and he hasen't enough faith in organizations to trust a combination or corporation. Wonder if this is why most Negro churches are always in debt?

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Now while T. Thomas Fortune is getting so unmercifully raked by the fine tooth-comb of carping critics. Some race benefactor would do nothing amiss to ask Tom to quit writing poetry to a sublime nicety. We have always suffered a nervous shock to our spinal column, when in the spirit of sympathy we let our eyes peruse his humble attempts of Longfellowism. His blank verses have all along reminded us of a colored dramatic company in Galveston who attempted to play Hamlet and the ghost forgot his lines.

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So Bishop Gaines; is to write a novel. Be it said to the chagrin of the giant literateurs of the great church of which the not meaning to do harm apostle is one of the head and front, is now posing as the staunch writer and book constructor of this denomination. Why don't Johnson. Kealing and Henderson put up the melon patch scare crow in the field of literature and frighten the twaddling pigmy from off his literary perch.

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The Negro teachers of the country have grave responsibilities and we think they are on to their jobs and do something besides draw salaries. The south is producing a splendid crop of bright young men and women, who are showing by their training that the Negro teacher is alive, and at it. Recently their appeared in the Paul Quinn Weekly an essay by Miss Easter who is a student of science in Paul Qninn College, entitled "Electrical Energy" the article is indeed creditable and bears the mark of orignality and fine ability to comprehend the intricate dogmas of physics. The young lady was educated in the public schools of Waco, under the able instructions of a fine coterie of teachers headed by Prof. A. J. Moore. She is now pursuing a scientific course at the above named college. The school is doing some good work.

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The Negro on the stage whether it be music, songs, comedy, elocution, delsarte or drama is making a remarkable hit this season among amusement loving people. Matters have grown somewhat grave. and in fact so alarming that vandeville and high class white artists are not needed unless they can do Negro "skits" and sing "coon" songs in a burnt cork shade. The "coon" song has become the '98-'99 season rage. The fine selections of high classed opera, and the most entertaining comedies, have fallen flat this season mainly because these weired rag time melodies claim higher respect among theatre goers. The old Irish songs, the German songs, and the Scotch ditties are received always, and revered. but the house responds with a vim and a snap that makes the white stage jealous to fever heat, when it goes into hysterics and fits over the "coon" song. Recently a very fine coon song singer (white ballot) remarking in the middle of her song that "too much attention is being paid to coon songs" but no matter how much prejudiced she may be, yet she is compelled to sing those "horrid coon songs" in order to get any kind of a salary. What does this all portend? Let some one in the Negro theatrical world answer.

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Lives there a soldier whose soul's so dead
In writing his sweetheart never hath said?
I want to come home to see you my sweet
I know I will then have pleanty to eat.

Lives there a boy whose toys and blocks,
Didn't come out of his Christmas socks?
And apples and candies, peanuts and cakes
Failed to give him the bad stomach aches

Lives there a girl who never hath said
I wish I was dead, Oh? I wish I was dead?
Just because John, Jim, Charley or Harry
Made up his mind that he never would marry.

M. A. MAJORS, M. D.

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

We congratulates the Indianapolis Freeman upon the excellence of its Christmas edition.—Richmond, Va., Planet.

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The Indianapolis Freeman's Christmas edition is a marvel of newspaper enterprise and reflects great credit upon its business management.—Chicago Conservator.

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The Xmas edition of The Indianapolis Freeman—20 pages—finely illustrated, it columns filled with able articles, was undoubtedly a great issue.—Star of Zion.

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The Xmas number of The Indianapolis Freeman was a creditable one. We take special pains in congratulating Mr, Geo. L. Knox.—Galveston City Times.

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The Indianapolis Freeman's mammoth Christmas number is the most creditable effort made in Negro journalism and in Negro newspaper management—Paul Quinn Weekly.

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The Indianapolis Freeman in the catalogue of colored journalism deserves the praise of the entire race for its very beautiful and most excellent issue for Christmas.—The Boston Courant.

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The Christmas number of the Indianapolis Freeman was a "stunner." It is a credit to Negro journalism in America. May it continue to prosper.—Galveston (Texas) Gazette.

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The Indianapolis Freeman, the leading colored paper of the United States, contained twenty pages of reading matter and illustrations last week. The Freeman is published by Mr. George L. Knox, one of the best known and most highly esteemed colored citizens of Indiana and the last number certainly reflects credit on Indiana journalism.—The Indianapolis Independent.

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The Freeman, which is published in this city, but which has a wide circulation throughout the United States, issued a large Christmas number of which the publishers might justly feel proud. It contains a large number of halftone engravings of men and women of the colored race who are prominent in theatrical, political, literary circles etc. The mechanical work is excellent.—Indianapolis, Indiana Woman.

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A young man in our office, after looking over the special edition of that popular paper, the Indianapolis Freeman, and beholding the various cuts, remarked, who could feel ashamed of the Negro race and the progress it is making. The Christmas number of The Freeman is far the best we have ever seen. It marks a new epoch in Negro journalism.—Victoria (Texas) Guide.

CLOTHES SPECIALS.

Queer Pockets and Things Tailors Have to Put In Garments.

"No special."

With that remark to the assistant who took down the measurements the tailor dismissed his patron and said that the suit would be finished "sure" on a certain day.

"What did you mean by saying 'no special' to your clerk?" asked the customer.

"Well, that means that you want your clothes made all right and without any crank things about them. Pockets are the great specials. We have customers who want, besides the regular pockets, places in their waistcoats for pencils, eyeglasses and all sorts of things. Some pencil pockets are made to hold only one pencil and some for a bunch. Eyeglass pockets are also ordered in keeping with the shape and style of the glasses, and pockets for cigars are ordered for all sizes, from the little half pencil shape to the great big perfecto. Freak pockets, inside of other pockets, are also in demand, and chamois lined pockets, which we usually make for the watch side of the waistcoat, are ordered often for trousers by men who carry silver trinkets in them."

Another class of special customers are those whose garments are made with a view to the wearer's health. Many men have an inner band of red flannel put on the waist of their trousers as a cure for rheumatism, and some driving coats are made so that sheets of stout paper may be slipped between the breast lining and the cloth when driving against the wind.

"On the whole," said the tailor, "a man in my business has the best opportunity to find out the kinks and queer points about men, not only as to their persons, but their minds."—New York Tribune.

FINERTY'S SERMON.

It Brought Praise From the Preacher Who Didn't Deliver It.

Before ex-Congressman John Finerty became famous as the great American British lion tail twister he was one of the best reporters in Chicago. He was on The Tribune, and one day a certain city editor (best known to fame as the man who always wore a straw hat and smoked a corncob pipe) decided that Mr. Finerty should be disciplined.

It was Saturday, and some time after midnight. Mr. Finerty was assigned to report the morning sermon of an obscure minister way down on the South Side. Finerty was the senior, and his associates were thunderstruck. They expected an explosion, at least, but Finerty remained calm and dignified, although a trifle pale. "Then he will resign," they thought, but Finerty walked out and made no sign. To the surprise of every one, he reported the next day as usual and turned in an abstract of the sermon. Every one read it on Monday morning, and it was certainly an eloquent and carefully reported sermon.

That afternoon a man of clerical cut called on the city editor and asked to see the young man who had reported his sermon the morning before. Mr. Finerty was introduced. The man of the clerical cut would like to see Mr. Finerty alone for a few moments. Out in the hallway he asked, "Of course, you were not at my church yesterday morning?"

"No," replied Finerty.

"Well, I simply stopped to thank you for the sermon. It was far more eloquent than the one I preached."

Finerty had composed the sermon in a neighboring cellar beer saloon on Saturday night.—Lippincott's Magazine.

Fog In Photography.

One serious and at the same time unsuspected source of fog in photography is often due to the fact that the blacking has slightly worn off the lens mount and there is a reflection which results in a loss of brilliancy in the negative. Constant use and endless cleaning of the lens in time wear the blacking off, and this should be attended to and all metal parts kept well blacked. Where lenses are mounted in aluminium still more care is necessary in this respect, as, wherever in such cases the blacking wears off, white light instead of yellow light is reflected into the lens.

Sometimes diaphragms of the iris pattern are greatly at fault in this respect. By reason of its construction the leaves or vanes in this diaphragm are in constant friction while being set, and thus become polished and reflective, for which reason some photographers avoid having iris diaphragms in their lenses, notwithstanding their convenience. A careful examination of the apparatus will insure safety in this matter. Stops of the ordinary pattern become in time little better than bare metal, especially at the edges of the aperture.

Some Clerical Jokes.

"Do you have matins in your church?" "No, we prefer linoleum." Another clerk gave out in church, "Let us sing to the praise and glory of God a hymn of my own composure." A lady asked the dean to read at her bedside "that beautiful lesson * * * there was summat about greaves in it." The dean read her I Samuel, xvii. "She listened with arms outstretched and made no comment until I came to the verse, 'He had greaves of brass upon his legs.' At this she raised her hands in ecstasy and said, 'Ah, them greaves, them beautiful greaves!'"—"Phases of My Life," by Dean Pigou.

The Araxes river, in Transcaucasia, has shifted to its ancient bed and now flows directly into the Caspian sea instead of into the Kura at a point 60 miles from the latter's mouth.

A proposal has been made by a French chemist to obtain easily assimilable iron tonics from vegetables by feeding the plants judiciously with iron fertilizers.

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Lawrence, Kan., Special.

The eighth annual meeting of the interstate literary association of Kansas, Missouri and the West, which was held in this city at the Warren street Baptist church on Dec. 29 and 30, is said to have been the best and most interesting within the history of the society. The weather was all that could be wished and every feature of the meeting was carried out to a nicety. The program was simply a series of intellectual feasts consisting of papers, orations and recitations, well interspersed with plenty of first-class music of every description by the very best talent which Kansas and Missouri affords. The Lawrence orchestra under the leadership of Mr. James Strode, occupying no unimportant position. The papers were ably discussed by the leaders from the several sections of the country. After the election of officers, on the second day, it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Atchison, Kan. The social atmosphere has of course, at this season, been quite interesting. On Wednesday evening, last, Miss Mamie Dillard of 520 Louisana street, opened the week's entertainment in her usual matchless style by giving a reception for the students of the university and the many delegates to the interstate. This of course was followed by others of scarcely less importance, but in speaking of "swell affair," to express it in ordinary social lore, the palm must be conceded to the Misses Smothers of 1234 Tennessee street. For the entertainment given by them on the 31st of December in honor of the Misses Generals of Kansas City and Miss Brown of Atchison, is believed to have surpassed anything of a similar nature, given in this city for sometime. Mrs. Munford of Pueblo, Col., is now in the city to spend the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dillard of 520 Louisana street. B. D. Andrews, a senior law student in the university here, returned from spending the vacation in Arkansas City with his parents, in time to attend the interstate and to get into the social whirl. Prof. West of Guthrie, Okla., spent a few days in the city last week visiting his brother, Prof. T. C. West of the Lawrence city schools. Miss Carrie Langston also a teacher in Oklahoma territory was here attending the interstate and visiting friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. A. Gray of Washington, D. C., are in the city, guests of relatives and friends. Miss Mamie Dillard of 520 Louisiana street in company with her sister, Mrs. Munford of Colorado, expect to spend a few days in Topeka next week. Miss Sadie Stone a prominent teacher and Mr. W. E. Gray an attorney-at-law both of Atchison, are in the city visiting relatives.

United Colored Brothers.

Wheeling, W. Va., Special

A call meeting of the colored voters of this city was held on last Wednesday evening at the mandoline club room, for the purposes of organizing a young men's progressive political club. Quite a number of the old citizens were present. A permanant organization was established. The following officers were elected, and the various committees were appointed: President, F. W. Wright; vice-President, J. O. Grey; Secretary, W. L. Jones; Assistant Secretary, R. A. Arrington; Treasurer, J. R. Mason; Sergeant-at-Arms, C. Peterson. The advisary board was elected consisting of the following names: R. A. Arrington, J. W. Waters, D. B. Buckner, George McMechon, C. O. Johns, J. O. Grey, W. L. Jones, H. B. Clemens, J. R. Mason. Committee on By-Laws and constitution: J. W. Waters, D. B. Buckner, W. L. Jones. Committee on securing the hall and arranging the speaking for the different nights: J. D. Dickson, Jos. Verse, A. Thornton, I. W. Jones, T. Ruffner, A. Jeffries. Speaches were made by Mr. Thomas Lewis and Mr. D. B. Buckner. Call at the Allensworth's shaving parlor for The Freeman.

Great Day in Eufaula.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

All of the best Negroes including both denominations turned out en masse Jan. 2, to celebrate and commemorate the thirty-sixth anniversary of the declarations of the emancipation proclamation. The exercises were grand in the extreme. Oratory and eloquence carried the day. Rev. R. T. Pollard was the central speaker of the occasion and his paper was a master-piece, for depth of thought, and scholarship. Prof. S. M. Murphy of the city school introduced the speaker, and his introduction was very touching indeed, he said the Negro could not get anything that would improve and promote him so much as character, and this assertion received many amens. Rev. I. N. Fitzpatrick was present and closed with a germ of logic and timely advice. His speech though, was only five minutes length, yet it made an everlasting impression for good, on those present, he said among other things that the Negro needed first to respect himself before others would do so, and said there was no other way to demand respect until he respected himself. The committee conducting the exercises was composed of the following persons: Dr. W. C. Banton, Dr. R. T. Pollard, Prof. W. D. Jackson and Mrs. Elsie Jackson.

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It has been truly said that every prosperous railroad carries its prosperity into every large city and hamlet upon its line. Railroads in prosperous conditions spend their money liberally along their lines in the way of improvements. So long as the earnings of a railroad are kept up, their employes are able to earn good salaries and it is to the interest of every business man to have railway employes earning good salaries, because no class of people are larger consumers in proportion to the amount of their income than are the railroad employes.

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The Freeman, an illustrated colored newspaper, published in this city by George L. Knox, has issued a Christmas number of twenty pages. It is profusely illustrated with portraits and the calendared quality of the paper gives an excellent typographical appearance.—Indianapolis Daily News.

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The Indianapolis Freeman's Christmas number fully demonstrated that The Freeman is the foremost illustrated colored newspaper. Much of its space was devoted to the theatrical profession and the members thereof, yet there were many gems of thought and matter for serious reflection for all. Hurra for The Freeman.—The Colorado Springs Sun.

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The best Christmas edition of a newspaper, owned and controlled by colored men, that has ever come under our notice, and we have seen them all, was that issued by The Freeman, of Indianapolis, Ind., last Saturday. It was a corker, up-to-date in every department and replete with choice cuts, interesting matter and race news. Go on up to head, Brother Knox, and stay there.—The Pittsburg Press.

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The Christmas number of The Freeman, the greatest and most widely read Negro illustrated paper in the world, contains many special features and demonstrates the possibilities of Negro journalism.

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The Freeman Leads.

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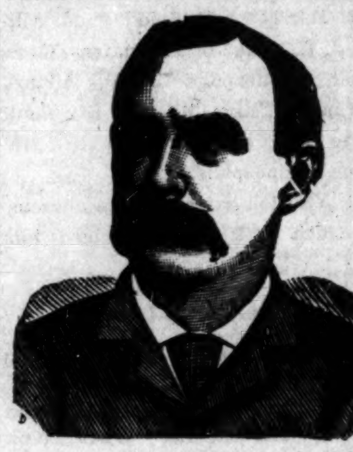

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THE HOUR'S NEED.

"Because our race has no great memories,
I will so live it shall remember me
For deeds of such devine beneficience,
As rivers have that teach men, by blessing them.
—The Spanish Gipsy.

George Eliot put these words in the mouth of that sterling character, Zarca, in "The Spanish Gipsy." The Negroes of America can afford to adopt the lines as a fitting text and become the Zarcas of modern times. In fact there is nothing to do, but to so live that life will be an incessant appeal to the better judgement of mankind. The first emancipation was not the growth of a night nor was it won by any energy displayed by the race as a race. The Lovejoys, Philips and that grand old class of mankind fought and toiled when the race was wrapped in blissful ignorance, it may be said to some extent. These will not again be conjured up to do battle for the race. The two hundred or more years of refining in the crucible of man's oppression has made it possible for the race to wage its own warfare. The ascent of the race from the days of liberation was sensibly acute for a score or more of years, which perhaps was natural enough. But subsequent to that period the progress to all appearance has been draggish. This supposed tardy movement may be the result of that check in all growth as it nears maturity and the alarm after all may be quite needless. The checks may be as the pruning, by the knowing husbandman, to give body to the subject. That affairs will regulate themselves is a consoling doctrine to rely on when chaos only is discernable by the best trained eyes. The race is now doing its own propelling and guiding. The supervising hands of the state, party and individuals of other races are lifeless at their sides. Cæsar must swim and buffet the waves; there is no Cassius nigh. But this seemingly racial extremity ought to prove the races opportunity. The great heart of the American white people is not dead. They are no blind spectators to the great struggle. They have their ideas as to the speed a race should attain in a given time when arising from certain conditions. When these feel that tyranny is usurping the functions of consistency they may be relied on again to preserve its blacks from the undue encroachments. The situation has been thoroughly canvassed. It is useless now and will be for some time to come to attempt to force the whites to except the Negroes as anything more or less than Negroes. Those now who are the race's best friends at no time go beyond this pemises. It is, of course what the Negroes are contending for and justly so, but, the vast majority from every conceivable situation are very slow in conceding the contention. The intense desire to be no more nor less than men and the ceaseless exertion in that direction while laudable has doubtless been construed as a pace that out runneth race progression and tends towards destruction. No one will deny but what there has been erected in front a dead wall of obstruction; wether permanent or temporary lies within the province of the race itself to say. Prejudices of the lower orders of the whites have much to do with it. But the whole fault is not there, for be it pleasing or otherwise the whites have as well defined views on the race question as the blacks and moreover are better prepared to carry out such views. The Negro race has the opportunity of its life to demonstrate its its fitness to live, by making the best of every presented opportunity. Teach haughty mankind as Emerson would have it that the enslaver is the creature for commiseration and not the enslaved. Troops of friends will spring forth if the individual life is so lived as the rivers that flow unheeded through the land blessing mankind by their beneficience. The race hope is not wrapped up in politics. The civil upheavals of the South can be traced to no other cause. Men are regardless of their future if they pursue the political phantom to the extent of daming up their civil rights. There must be the New Negro Race. New ideas that will tend towards the realization of past and present hopes.

The death of Mrs. Ella M. Christy of the Indianapolis schools was one of the sad happenings of last week. Hers was an honorable and upright career in the community. She had filled her place acceptably in the city schools for a number of years she was well equipped for her duties and enjoyed the confidence of the superintendent, supervisors, teachers and patrons of the schools. In compensation for long years of devotedness to her work. She had been recently elevated to the principalship in one of the largest buildings. Her husband, Rev. Levi E. Christy, the well known founder of the Indianapolis World survives her, also two daughters, one of whom is a teacher The bereaved family have the sympathy of a host of friends regardless of color. The Freeman hereby contributes its mite of respect and sympathy to one of the fraternity, yet with a due deference to Him that not only giveth, but taketh

Indiana does herself proud in sending to the United States Senate Albert Jeremiah Beveridge. The whole people endorse the selection a very happy one, and worthily bestowed. He stands in forensic ability a giant, which with his liberal education, he bids fair to make the state notable in the Senate. He is a worthy successor to that long line of legislators that has stood for Indiana. His individual prospects are very bright, owing to the quality and disposition of the man. Indiana is honored in honoring him.

We are in receipt of long communications relative to Brigham H. Roberts congressman elect, of Utah and his wives. He has his wives and has been elected. Those who elected him knew what they were doing. Utah is admitted and Roberts is a citizen. If he has the right of sufferage, complicated as the case may seem it carries the right to be voted for. It seems that the laws concerning the case can only affect the future Roberts. It looks as though the country will have to endure the evil.

Scarcely is one campaign ended in Ohio before another is tripping at its heels. The gubernatorial campaign is the theme now. George A. Meyers feels that Judge Nash should be the next Governor of that State. Mr. Meyers will be remembered for his somewhat brilliant campaigning of a year or more ago. Judge Nash seems to be popular and will very likely succeed Bushnell.

Rev. J. C. Coleman has managed to write a very attractive little volume "The Jim Crow Car." He hails from Toronto, Canada. His work is further labeled, Philanthropic Literature.

The American Baptist recently celebrated its twentieth anniversary in a verry fitting way. It is one of the pioneers and gives promise to stay in the race.

The Daily Recorder, of Norfolk, Va. is still braving it as a "daily." It is one of the healthiest looking journals coming to this office. It is a newspaper.

Now is the time to subscribe for The Great King of Negro journals.—$1.00

THE COLORED MAN IN BUSINESS.

Not so very long ago it was felt that to advance politically, that is to political peferment was the realization of racial ideals. But the times have changed sowewhat and politics are attended with a great deal of uncertainty as to the rewards than heretofore. In the best regulated political affairs the most skillful manipulators can only trust their skill up to a certain point and then follows a game of blind chance. With the colored man the field is still less inviting. It is not always they that do not work shall not eat; but the ox that treadeth out the corn is very often muzzled. But politics is not all of life. The young colored man has yet one more resort for his salvation. The South boasts of her colored merchants. There is very little to boast of for the conditions compel the situation. It is in the North where the real experiment is to be tried and is being tried. There is a little of that feeling of falling back for support on the race in the North. Some of that feeling is essential; just enough for race preservation. Indianapolis is an ideal city for the experiment, engaging in business pursuits. The people are here, thousands of them. These must come to some kind of agreement to protect their kind. It they do not do this or attempt to do it—well no one else will, and to make it emphatic no one else ought to. The feeling of the white merchants is generous on the subject. They encourage the idea. They feel that the colored people should do something. The support of course will come from the race. Many of the race leaders whose leadership consists of trying to lead the colored race into the white race only, object to these innovations or new departures, feeling that they would have a tendcy emphasize race lines. Hence they desire the race to hew wood and draw water until Elijah like they will be caught up and translated without going through the routine common to mortality. They will wait in vain. Everything comes to those who wait and work and not merely wait. Let the colored men eschew a life that means the total sacrifice of manhood, abject humiliation and chagrin, and embrace business opportunities, where the existence does not depend on the caprice or whims of any man or any set of men.

The Western Enterprise of Colorado Springs, thinks that Ida B. Wells-Barnett did the proper thing when she married. Are there others?

They are establishing clubs of National Communication in Colorado. This is more work for the "Negro Press."

THE NEGRO PRESS.

It has not been long since that the question of the necessity of a newspaper operated by colored men in the interest of the colored people was debateable. It is no longer so. With the increasing perplexities of the civic life of this country's organs of influence are necessary to present the colored man's side of the struggle to the world. England, Germany, France and other enlightened countries would be illy informed if the "white" press was the sold informer. The condition of colored people throughout the union would be very little known among themselves if it was not for the "Negro press." But in spite of all this there are those who would defame these crude news purveyors as unworthy of existence. The insufficiency of the Negro Press" is not news to the "Negro Press," but there is a better way to make its efficiency other than noting its deficiency. The "Negro press" take it all in all stands nearer to the best there is than anything done by the race as a whole, This has no reference to the great cities with its multiple modern press dailies; for they, while great in mechanism, represent not the vast majority of newspapers. The rural papers with their Dead Pass Heralds, The Bulls Eyes, The Rough and Readys Rocky Mountain News and thousands of others with their provincial momenclature are to be reckoned with. The "Negro press" averages nicely with them with margin to spare in their favor They give desirable and profitable employment to many, thus helping to solve the problem in more ways than one. The "Negro Press" by the consensus of opinion is voted a success. Give it a push along-not over.

The Allen Endeavor Visitor a constant caller at The Freeman office, it bears the mark of a careful paines taking student and indefatigable worker. Dr. Coppin is its editor and publisher. It is as much a newspaper as the Recorder, notwithstanding its juvenility and recent issue. Outranking the Recorder in many points.

The Freeman is glad to acknowledge the receipt of the following:—You and your male Afro-American Republican friends are hereby invited to attend a banquet to be given in honor of Hon. J. Frank Wheaton, Representative-elect at Beaufort Hotel Cafe, Third street, opposite post office, Minneapolis, Minn., Wednesday evening, Jan., 4, 1899, at 8:00 o'clock sharp. Committe of arrangements; T. H. Lyles, J. Q. A. Wilson, R. C. Minor, M. D. Pettis, J. R. Robinson, W. T. Francis, H. B. Howard, T. R. King, W. A. Hilyard, J. H. Dillingham, J. B. Johnson, St. Paul; W. T. Grey, Robert Lee, P. F. Hale, W. E. Brown, Jasper Gibbs, H. Richardson, W. R. Morris, J. C. Reid, J. M. Allison, J. L. Neal, C. T. Pointer, C. S. Turner, Minneapolis. J. Q. Adams, Chairman, Union Block, St. Paul, George Day, secretary, 584 N. 7th avenue, Minneapolis.

Mr. Wheaton has our congratulations. and much luck to those who do him honor.

News Notes.

Henderson, Ky., Special.

Prof. Todd, late of the Theological Seminary, Rochester, N. Y. occupied the pulpit at St. Clement Episcopal Mission Jan., 1st. His text was "What Think Ye of Christ?" Whose Son is he? Lagrippe has taken complete possession of this place. The following school teachers were indisposed last week:—Misses S. D. Harris, S. A. Browne, E. J. Cabell and Prof. J. K. Mason. Mrs. Mary Hughes has returned to her home in Basket, after a pleasant visit to her sister Mrs. C. Garret. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James Garret died Jan., 13th, with whooping cough. John W. Postell of Hopkinsville, has been appointed gauger at the Winstead Distillery of this city. Miss Thomas who was the guest of Miss George Ella Ellis has returned to her home in Cadiz Ky. Mrs. Susan A. Browne is ill at her residence 445 Fagan street. Dame Rumor says a marriage will take place very soon. The bride to be is a popular young lady and lives near Spottsville. The groom to be is quite an industrious young man. Starling and Smith grocers have a new delivery wagon which is very neat. Communion services were held at St. Clements Sunday Jan. 8th. Mrs. Cheanie Robertson has returned to her home in Lebanon, Tenn., after a two waeks visit to Mrs. Kate Drake. The following persons are on the sick list:—Mesdames Mattie Hatchett, Rose Alves, Addie Clay, Fannie Dixon, Docia West. Fannie Anderson, Harriet Cabell, Maggie Hatchett and Messrs Wilson and Peter Lilly.

Don't fail to take advantage of our $1.00 rate—lasts until Jan 31st.

Eufaula Dots.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

John A. Ward, our hustling colored merchant is a reader of The Freeman. Mr. Ward is a lover of his race and always speaks highly of The Freeman. Mrs. Elsie Jackson has returned from Albany, Ga., much to the delight of her many friends. Rev. A. J. Johnson preached at St. Luke A. M. E. church last Sunday morning. Miss Mary B. Jackson is a reader of The Freeman. Call on A. H. Gary, the leading tonsorialist, for the best hair cut and shave. You will find The Freeman on sale there every Saturday. Now is the time to subscribe The Feeman offers to the reading world its $1.00 rate for only 30 days from Jan. 1st, '99 to Jan., 31st, see the agent. L. C. Gardner of this city has been a reader of The Freeman for five years, he says he can't do without it. The Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: J. H. Hamilton, foreman; Monroe Bands, assistant foreman; J. L. Pope Jr., secretary: H. Cole, assistant secretary; W. W. Wallace, treasurer. Henry Morris, engineer. The emancipation celebration was a success here, The agent here sends regards to Grant S. Neal. The Xmas number of The Freeman was the finest issue that has ever come to our office. Don't miss next weeks issue of The Freeman, leave orders a Gary's barber shop.

Don't fail to take advantage of our $1.00 rate—last until Jan. 31st.

Houston News.

Houston, Texas, Special.

Lee Yum a Chinaman died Monday from injuries received Sunday at the hands of Joseph Stanley. A cake walk was given by Prof. J. R. Anderson at L. & N. Hall. "Freeheart" Johnnie was the winner of the cake while Jos. Knox and Miss Sadie Williams were great favorites. Rev. D. H. Hull expastor of Wesley Chapel semds regards to his friends in this city. Every Afro-American in this city should read The Freeman. It is the greatest race paper published. Secure a copy weekly at C. Harris' barber shop or of Geo. W. Lawson, 2804 Lamar avenue.

The Editors Talk.

The Freeman's Success.

Do you know what makes The Freeman the best Negro Weekly In the United States? We will tell you so you can tell your neighbor.

1st. Superior workingmen; all Negroes.
2nd. Money with which to pay them.
3rd. Brainy correspondents.
4th. The kind of composition and form.
5th. Our extensive circulation.
6th. Our methods to please our subscribers.
7th. Our facility of getting news.
8th. Fair dealings with advertisers.
9th. Our central location.
10th. Our political principles.

The Freeman's success is based upon the above ten propositions.

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EXTRA ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Freeman invites the attention of its many readers to the following subjects which will occur in its columns on the given dates, from the pen of the versatile Prof. Chas. Alexander:

Jan. 28.—"Surgeon Arthur M. Brown, of the 10th U. S. Cavalry. His great ability and brilliant career."

Feb. 4.—"Prof. John A. Lankford. His work as a machinist; a wonderful mathematician."

Feb. 11.—"Sergeant Horace W. Bivens of the 10th U. S. Cavalry. A keen observer of men and deeds; his life in a 'nut-shell.''

Feb. 18.—"The 10th U. S. Cavalry Band A famous musical organization—one of the finest in the service."

Feb. 25.—"Non-Commissioned Officers of the 10th U. S. Cavalry and what they saw in Cuba during the very recent Cuban campaign.

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Well agents its your turn, we should have said that you get 25 per cent. commission on the $1.00 rate. Pardon us for not speaking sooner, but better late than never. We are climbing up hill in Negro journalism, but your good work makes the machinery run with the usual smoothiness. Well we are making a strong, long, hard pull for "the race," and the race appreciates it. Our recent holiday number settled our future. The past has been brilliant yet the success of The Freeman doing great things for the race was never brighter. You, too, agents will find patrons more easily among the race readers, and thereby you will be aided in many ways. The people prefer the best. They do not always get the best, you tell them about The Freeman, they see it, and seeing in such a case is believing.

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You are doing a great work. The steady business of The Freeman office abundantly testifies what you are doing out in the field. Agents you must write us, tell us about your experiences, and occasionally let us show your "picture." You are the noble heroes in the field who are fighting for the (Freeman) flag. Rally to the standard, The Freeman leads along all the social, economic and political questions affecting the race.

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The Freeman is at $1.00 now. Time is short. Subscribe for a friend have it addressed to them in Cuba, or anywhere in the United States.

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Well Agents, The Freeman is the Crowned King of journalism. The numerous testimonials make The Freeman force quit work at times to listen to what the Planet said, or the Statesman of Colorado, or the Statesmen of Denver, the Bystander, or the Broad Ax, the Utah Plaindealer and many more brilliant startling comments, but why Agents tell you all this? You tell us how gladly your people received the Xmas number, and you hear these testimonials so frequently in your talk to the many persons daily that this is slightly a bore.

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Did you read about Mr. Tucker the hero of San Juan Hill, and tell the people about seeing and reading of the black uniformed heroes of the late war? Here they are. We told you so, and we always keep our word. Agents, always keep your word. If you say you will do a thing, if it is right, do it or report to God the reason why.

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The Freeman, one of the best papers of the race, has reached our table. Its Christmas issue is a marvel in journalism, and well worth preserving for the future. It has twenty pages, finely illustrated with numerous cuts and sketches of persons, and articles from the best brains of the races. See its advertisement in this issue.—The Free State.

Push The Freeman, the $1.00 rate is our annual gift to the Negro. Now agents show to the kickers on the regular rate what they can save by subscribing now. This chance will be gone on the 31st of January. Now $1.00 for the best paper published by tne Negro.

Get The Freeman for $1.00 and send it to a friend in Cuba.

Editor The Freeman:—Xmas copies went like hot cakes, I had to hide a copy for myself. The Freeman excells all other race papers and ought to be read by all that want to know what the colored race is doing, I cannot find words sufficient to express the high opinion that I have of the Xmas edition.

Your Truly,
B. W. LOWE,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. Geo. L. Knox,

My Dear Sir:—I want to congratulate you and The Freeman force on getting out such a splendid Christmas number. In addttion to the many excellent signed articles and much high class editorial matter, the mechanical get up of the paper is most commendable, you have surpassed yourself.

Yours Truly.
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

$1.00 gets The Freeman for one year. Good until Jan., 31st.,—Do not procrastinate, subscribe now.

The Christmas number of The Freeman, of Indianapolis, Ind., surpasses anything heretofore attempted in Negro journalism. In fact there are few papers conducted by the white race that can surpass this number of The Freeman. It is profusely illustrated with cuts of all the leading stars in the theatrical profession of our race. It also contains many able articles from the pens of the most eminent scholars and educators of the race, such as M. A. Majors, M. D., Prof. W. H. Scarborough, A. M., Judge D. A. Straker, W. T. Menard, J. A. Jones and Mrs. Mary Church-Terrel, who is the president of the National Association of colored Women. Every Negro who loves his race should secure the Christmas number of The Freeman.—The Broad Ax.

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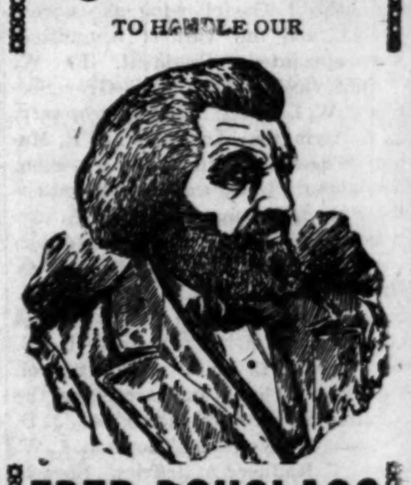

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Evans, Mattie
Grey, Miss Alice
Selika, Mme.
Shepard, Jennie

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Bailey, George
Boyer, L. M.
Banta, R. A.
Brown, G. W.
Carter, Kid (2)
Collins, Gordon C.
Cheatham, Bros.
Eason, John
Elliott, Ed. F.
Gray, George
Glenn, Julius
Green, J. Ed.
Green, Ed. O.
Golden Gate Quartette
Gideon L. E.
Hammond, Geo.
Hampton & Johnson, 2
Hillman, George
Johnson, Mat
Kennedy, Will Goff
Kemp, Bob
Leach, Robt. B.
Lewis, Hon. Jos. V.
Reese, Geo. R.
Rowe, F.
Scotte, C. J.
Terry, W. O.
Towell, Jim
Williams, Henry
Wooten, H. S.
Young, Billy
Young, Walton W.

ROUTE:

Big Sensation—Buffalo, N. Y. Jan. 16-21.

Black Patti Troubadours—Anaconda, Mont. Jan. 23; Missoula, 24; Wallace, Idaho, 26; Spokane, Wash., 27-29.

Canadian Jubilee Singers & Imperial Orchestra.—Plymouth, Ind., Jan. 16; Valparaiso, 17; Chicago, 18-22.

Imperial Colored Minstrels, (P. H. Chappell, Prop.)—Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 23-24.

John W. Vogel's Mastodan Minstrels and Extravaganza Co.—Logansport, Ind., Jan. 21; Kokomo, 23; Elwood, 24; Richmond, 25; Anderson, 26; Alexandria, 27; Marion, 28.

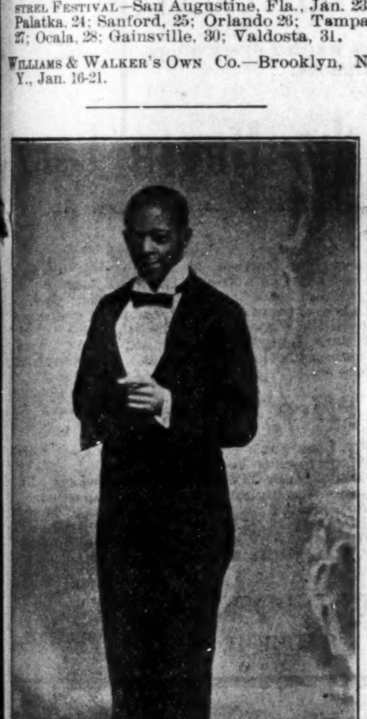
Oliver Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels.—Greensburg, Pa., Jan. 21; Johnstown, 23.

P. T. Wright Nashville Students -Nevada. Mo., Jan. 23; Appleton City, 24; Clinton, 25; Warrensburg, 27; Harrisonville, 28.

Quaker City Comedians (W. A. Dean Mn'g'r.) Franklin, La., Jan. 20-24.

Richards, Pringles, Rusco & Holland's Minstrel Festival—San Augustine, Fla., Jan. 23; Palatka, 24; Sanford, 25; Orlando 26; Tampa, 27; Ocala, 28; Gainsville, 30; Valdosta, 31.

Williams & Walker's Own Co.—Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 16-21.



RICHARD EUGENE FRANKLIN,

Born at Baltimore, Md., Nov., 28, 1873, and received his education under Prof. Forrester. His Irish speciality, monologue, reel, jig and clog dancing has already stamped him a red hot eastern favorite. Unlike most comedians "Dick" can sing, and sing well. He also has a fair knowledge of music, playing several instruments. He is a prominent member of the Moore Lodge No 3, B. O. C. P., and a young man whose friends are legion.

Clifford Lewis sends regards to Geo. Holt.

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Jas. Morton sends regards to Jas. White.

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Houston lady,—O. K. Address care of The Freeman.

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To Ernest Hogan—"Look out—I am your partner!"

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F. B. Wood sends regards to the McCarver Bros., and friends.

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Harvey Goodall sends regards to Will Dobbins and Frank Patrick.

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John Ward sends regards to J. Ed Green, Paul Floyd also Fred Simpson.

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Ollie C. Hall has disposed of his interest in the Imperial Concert company.

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I. N. Smith sends regards to J. E. Hood, Mat Johnson, and Charles White.

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W. A. Porter sends regards to Simpson, Hailstock and the Smith brothers.

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Mr. Gil Garay left John W. Vogel's Minstrels at Wadsworth, O., for Chicago, to attend a sick brother, he will return soon. Miss Emma Hall played the part of "Aunt Becky Beasley" while in Toledo.

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Rastus & Banks have closed with Jno. W. Isham's Octoroons, and are playing dates.

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F. L. Denton sends regards to Chas. Parker, also to members of the Union in St. Louis.

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U. S. G. Patterson closed with John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels at Toledo, Ohio.

Allie Brown sends regards to Black Carl, Gauze, Terry, Lacy, Simmons and I. N. Smith.

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W. A. Lewis, the phenomenal basso, joined John W. Vogel's Minstrels at Ashtabula, O.

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Bailey and Kirk, the "Professor and Tramp" are prime favorites everywhere in their musical act.

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Richard Lewis, tenor, is meeting with success singing the pathetic song "Two Sweethearts of Mine."

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Billy Miller, comedian, paid a flying trip to Pittsburg, Pa., Sunday 15th, visiting his wife and mother.

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"All I Want is Ma Chicken" is being sung with great success by Bob Cole, of "A Trip to Coontown" company.

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Maurice Jordan sends regards to Joe Ricks, Richard Lewis, Marsh Craig, John Morrenna, and J. Ed Green.

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Julius Glenn sends regards to Wm. C. Handy, Waller Dixon, Erb. Robinson and Henry Williams ("Gob.")

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John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels are booked to appear at the Park Theatre, Indianapolis, at an early date.

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D. W. McCabe will bring out the McCabe & Young Minstrels next season, with many of its original members.

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Prof. Jas. A. Willis sends regards to Billy Miller, Ed Winn, the Canadian Jubilee Singers and all other friends.

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J. F. Adams, one of the prominent members of Lowery's Concert Band sends regards to J. Eason and friends.

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Charles Preston and Ollie C. Hall are organizing a specialty company to be headed by Charles Johnson, comedian.

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Fred W. Simpson wishes to return thanks to W. O. Terry, for the hospitality extended him by the latter's mother.

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Mr. J. A. S. Hollis, vocalist, joined the Richards, Pringles, Rusco & Holland's Minstrel Festival, in Shreveport, La.

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Mr. Harry T. Burleigh, the accomplished musical director, has closed with Williams & Walker's Own company.

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Harry L. Gilliam sends regards to Geo. Bailey, Marsh Craig, Fred Simpson and all friends in and out of the profession.

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Cicero Reed, Jones, Grant and Jones were the colored members on the big vaudeville bill, last week, at the Olympic, Chicago.

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"Why Don't You Get a Lady of Your Own?" Williams & Walker's comicality, may be chronicled as among the song hits of the season.

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Tommy Carter, comedian and vocalist, is meeting with great success with Hurtig & Seamon's Bowery Burlesquers. He was a Freeman caller this week.

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P. G. Lowery sends regards to Geo. Bailey, Fred Simpson, Jas. White, C. F. Alexander, Mallory Bros., Allie Brown, Pete Woods and the man with the gold horn.

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During the engagement of the Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels in Gallipolis, O., the home of Whitten Viney, tenor, the boys were tendered a reception at Mr. Viney's home, and had quite an enjoyable time.

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The Imperial Colored Minstrels are meeting with fair success through Kentucky and Tennessee, owing to the unusual amount of rainfalls. They are booked to appear at the Auditorium, Memphis, Tenn., next week.

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The new musical act of Simpson and Pittman was introduced for the first time on Jan. 12th, at Martin's Ferry, O., and scored a big hit. All instruments are new and made to their own design The act can be engaged for next season.

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In the case of the colored man, Johnston, against J. B. Sparrow, of Montreal, Canada, for $500 damages for being refused an orchestra seat in the Academy last season. Justice Archbald rendered his decision last week, awarding Johnston $500 damages.

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Mr. Clifford D. Brooks sends the following from John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels and Extravaganza company: "We played Toledo, O., Jan. 12-14 to packed houses at each performance, the standing room sign was out at each evening's show. The press and public spoke in the highest terms of praise about the show, and said it was the best colored show seen in Toledo for several seasons. John Rucker and Chas. B. Tyler kept the house in an uproar. La She, the marvel of marvels, was spoken of as a wonder in doing some of his daring tricks on the slack wire. Mr. Guy Hughes made a flying trip to Columbus, O., last Sunday, from Toledo."

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Prof. James A. Willis, the original "Black Herrmann," assisted by Prof. C. Clifford Lewis, shadow phantisist, and a select company of artists are booked for a tour of the South and West, opening at Louisville, Ky., early in February. Prof. Willis is a "warm one" and no mistake.

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"Yutakmee," the Indian Princess (Miss Mattie Wilkes), never fails to capture the large and appreciative audiences that hear her voice, during the performances given by Hurtig & Seamon's Bowery Burlesquers. In the duetts, in which she is assisted by the clever tenor vocalist, Mr. Tom Carter, she takes the house by storm, and is compelled to answer repeated encores.

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Billy and Willie Farrell are meeting with great success in London. Latest advices state that they are now members of Mr. John Hart's pantomime: "Twinkle Little Stars," at the Bradford Theatre Royal, where they are presenting their unrivalled cake walking specialty with the same amount of grotesque grace as characterized their work on this side of the Atlantic.

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The Genuine Southern Specialty Co., under the management of Jno. Graham opened its season at Brockton, Mass., on the 14th, for a tour of New England and Canada. The company includes: Mr. and Mrs. Tom McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lucas, Siren Navarro, Wesley and Corinne Norris, Mlle. Perkins, Furber and Davis, John Christian, Brandow and Finley, Hattie May, John Blackston, Minnie Wade, D. M. Frazier, John Stanton, and Howard Dangerfield.

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Mr. W. A. Dean, manager of the Quaker City Comedians, sends the following notes: "We have been playing to good business in the sugar making districts of Louisiana. Our company numbers six people. We were recently the guest of the Gilbert Academy, which is on a large 1,200 tract of land, situated on Bayou Teche. I would like to hear from a good advance agent. Roster: W. A. Dean, Ernest Holmes, Prof. A. W. Ross, pianist; S. M. Tibbs, Emile Terrell, and Albert White.

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The band concert by P. G. Lowery's Famous Concert Band, with Georgia Up-to Date, was such a success it was repeated with greater success than the concert given Xmas day with change of program in overtures and featuring J. T. Lewis and Wm. Malone in Cornet duetts. By request Harry L. Gilliam played with great instrumental control Otla Olos. Mr. Fountain B. Woods rendered "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," with credit.

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Prof. Henderson Smith, creator of works, of the Benevolent Order of Colored Professionals, writes that he has set up a lodge of B. O. of C. Ps. in Toledo, O. He states that the outlook is very bright, as it is made up of some of the best young men of that city. Mr. Pearl Barbour and Dr. C. H. Ferguson deserve great credit for their efforts in assisting Prof. Smith in the organizing of this lodge. Friends C. P. Jones and George Bailey were of valuable assistance during the initiation of the candidates.

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Mr. Fred W. Simpson, our special representative with the Oliver Scott Minstrels writes: "The big show continues to meet with success, also to please the multitudes that come for miles to see America's greatest colored minstrel company. Mr. A. P. Scott, our hustling advance representative, is back spending a few days with the boys. Mr. Oliver Scott, proprietor, who has been home spending his vacation for ten days, has returned to the show, and is well pleased at the success the show has met with during his absence. We are headed East—billing like a circus and 'taking them' by storm. Prof. Hailstock has been on the sick list the past week, but is rapidly improving.

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Alejo Gine, The South American wonder from Chili, in light and heavy balancing has joined the Georgia Up-to Date, and is closing the olio with honors. This man without a doubt is the greatest in his line in the world, just think of a man only weighing 147 pounds balancing three times his weight on his chin as easy as he balances a feather. The closing feature of his act is a very daring fete. He take two common chairs placing the legs together places a lady on the top chair, raises the chairs to his chin with as much ease as if it was a little baby and dances the Spanish Fandango all over the stage, lets the lady down and without a seconds rest places a 17 inch breaking plow with the end of beam on his chin with the handles in the air with the slighest, slip destruction would be his lot from the sharp sheer that points to his body. Gine is a gentleman in every sense of the word and success will be his lot.

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Mr. Raymon Augustus Lawson, was a pleasant caller at The Freeman office last week enroute to Hartford, Conn., where he will resume his studies. The Shelbyville, (Ky.,) Sentinel had the following to say concerning a recital given in that city:—

The parlors of the Armstrong Hotel were well filled last evening by an attentive audience to hear a noteworthy and delightful piano recital by Raymon Augustus Lawson. Noteworthy, from the fact that the performer is a young colored man, southern born and reared; delightful, because, the program was admirably arranged to interest all, and rendered with an ability to satisfy the most exacting.

Those who heard this pianist a little over two years ago, just before he left for the east, where, as a protege of Mrs. Charley Dudley Warner, he has been studying at the Hartford Conservatory of Music, could not fail to note the remarkable progress he has made, particularly in interpretation. One realized in listening to his playing last evening that he exhibited something more than mere proficiency in the manipulation of the instrument before him; that it was the art, well nigh perfected, which enabled him to convey to even the laymen in music the meaning of rhapsody, nocturne and etude and took from the initiated the power of criticism. In the numbers from, Chopin, wizard of the subtleties of sounds, he proved fully equal to the difficult test, translating with sparkling brilliancy the Revolutionary and Octave etude, and bringing out all the hidden sweetness of the nocturne in F sharp major. In the delicious Serenade of Hopekirk, too which seemed each instant on the verge of bursting forth in song as well as the Spring song of Mendelssohn, was evolved a whole world of sentiment. Of each number, it may be said that it inspired its due appreciation. Whether fascinated by the intracicies of the Bac-Brahms Presto, or thrilled by the twelfth rhapsody—magnificently played—with its stirring runs and humming trills, or wooed by the warm beauty of the Muscowski Valse, one's head and heart paid ready tribute to the marvelous talent—I was about to say, genious—of the performer who was compelled to give frequent encores.

Music lovers will watch with interest the career of such a talented artist, and will, no doubt, be eager to hear him again after his return from Germany where he expects to go in the Spring.

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Mr. George Gaston, of the famous Franklin Club, of Columbus, O., writes: "I thought I would drop you a few lines, to let you know that I am in the land of living. Your Xmas number was 'out of sight'—it was fine for sure. Guy Hughes, of "Darkest America" company, was here Sunday, to see his mother and friends. He came down from Toledo, O. Oscar Lindsay has been on the sick list—with the grip. Mr. Sol White, leader of the Sells Bros' and Forepaugh's show band, has organized and orchestra; they are making good progress. The People's Orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Oscar Lindsay, is doing all the high-class playing for all swell white entertainments. Prof. John Radcliff has organized an orchestra from the members of the K. of P. band; they gave a musicale at the City Hall, January 18. J. P. Jones and Oscar Lindsay send regards to "Piccolo" Jones. Thos. Howard, the young hustling manager of the People's Orchestra and band, is contemplating a trip with his men to Mexico. The A. M. E. Chnrch choir is furnishing some very excellent music at the Sunday evening services. More anon."

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Mr. W. A. Seymour sends the following from the Famous Georgia Minstrels: "All are well with the Famous Georgia Minstrels. For the second time this season we are in Arkansas, here we saw our first ice for the season. Some were pleased to gaze upon the crystal, while others prefer the sunshine. We again turn our faces southward, touring Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Our first week of the new year was a great one. At every performance only standing room could be had, and every member of the large festival is now working with new vigor. Mr. James Crosby is now singing with great success, 'Why don't you get a lady of your own.' Mr. J. A. Watts is again singing the beautiful ballad, 'The little woolen stockings baby wore.' Mr. Arthur Maxwell, the bicycle king, is still puzzling the audiences with his marvelous tricks on the wheel. The Great Gauze is continuing to keep the public guessing as to whether he is a man or woman. Harry Fidler, the mimic is still with them and scoring a hit nightly. Bobby Kemp, the swell member is as popular as ever with the audiences, and his work is always highly appreciated. He is doubtless one of the greatest singing comedians now upon the American stage. Mr. and Mrs. Kersands are continuing to keep the audience in an uproar doing their sketch. Mr. Harry Goodall, the famous old man impersonator and banton manipulator is scoring a hit in the street as well as on the stage. Dick Thomas, the clever comedian and dancer is singing with great success, 'I won't be back until I find that gal.' Every member of the company deserves special praise. While at Pine Bluff, Ark., we were most highly entertained by Mr. George Coleman and Mr. John Mullen, friends of James Crosby. Quite an elaborate supper was served at the Orvel club. Every member of this large company was seated in their large hall and everything was convenient for service. All satisfied their enormous appetites and drank to their hears' content. The welcome address was made by Mr. J. C. Hayes. His talk was short and full of feeling. Every member listened with earnestness and all felt that they were more than welcome; ere the speaker took his seat. Mr. Jube Brown of the Georgians responded to this address. His talk was short and to the point. Mr. Brown told the gentlemen in a few words the sentiments of the entire company. His address was received with many applauses. All enjoyed themselves until a late hour when all departed with words of 'we hope to meet again soon.' W. C. Johnson, the worthy stage carpenter with the Famous Georgians and better known to men of the profession as 'Irish Bill,' is a man of great ability, and is excelled by no man in the profession, he having been in the business for more than twelve years, having traveled with several leading and local companies, and master of mechanics at several leading theatres of Chicago and Kansas City; he has traveled almost every part of the civilized globe, and as a workman, he has demonstrated his ability as a carpenter with the Famous Georgia Minstrels—this adding much to the successful performances that are nightly produced by this company of matchless performers."

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Nagol Mot writes the following notes from New York City:—Doc Sayles speaks of joining his brother Irving at Sydney Australia this Spring. The Ethiopian Burlesque Co of which Mr. Luke Pulley is stage manager is desirous of placing a few more specialty people. Tom Logan has dedicated a new song to Dude Foster. The McClains, (Billy and Cordelia) are pleasing the patrons of the Atlantic Garden this week. Mr. Chas. L. Moore a charter member of Moore Lodge B. O. C. P. and the principal baritone with Williams & Walker's company was quietly married to Miss Gene Wadsworth, also of the same company, last Thursday. Perrin and Wise furnished talent for Witmark's soiree. Saturday evening. The Blackstone quartette entertained their many friends Thursday evening at the Douglass Club. By special arrangement, Ishams Octoroon's gave a sacred concert at the Murry Hill Theatre, Sunday p. m. Eddie Goggin, of Goggin and Davis, was indisposed several days last week but recoverd sufficiently to leave with the company Sunday for Providence R. I. John Jackson, of 269 W. 42 st. is on the sick list. A recent issue of The Chicago Democrat and Dispatch announces the gratifying intelligence that Mr. Earnest Hogan will star in a legitimate play next season. Furber and Davis the comedy acrobats now with Al Reeves' company paid us a flying visit Sunday. Frank Bounty the genial steward of the Douglas Club is in Port Jarvis attending the bedside of his sick mother. Dame rumor hath it that Mr. Ed. Harris of the Williams and Walker co. is soon to wed. George R. Reese (Rabbit) is conducting a series of performances at Yonkers, N. Y. Bob Slatar the singing comedian is considering a proposition to play characters with a stock company at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Bobby Russell has joined hands with Henry Williams the renowned buck dancer and will play dates. Miss Lizzie Butler is sick at her home at Long Branch N. J. The Golden Gate Quartette were with us a few hours last week. George William Pickett and his Imperial Quartette is at the Star Theatre. It seems that Kid Frazer of the Black Patti Co. has a penchant for blowing out the gas in hotels. We remember three occasions where this noble son of Momus has been the centre of attraction due to his persistency in imitating the example of Major Fulweather. Johnson and Dean entertained in a royal manner, Thursday evening, the following intimate friends: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mallory, Mr. and Mrs. Billy McClain, Miss Mazie Brooks and Mr. Ed. Mallory. The Eldridges Sundayed in New York City and assumed their place with the Butterfly Burlesquers at Philadelphia Monday. Wesley Cole and Erb Robinson, tenors, joined Isham's Octoroons last week. Mrs. Sidney Perrin has accepted a position with the Williams and Walker company and Sidney has already assumed an appearance of loneliness. Harry Peyton has returned from Indianapolis and reports a good time with the "Hoosiers." Mrs. Fred Douglass has returned to Boston. Ikey Devine the comedian and George Talbert the vocalist have doubled. Mrs. Dorothy Jones-Smith has instituted proceedings for a divorce from her husband Joe Smith. Rastus and Banks are at Buffalo, N. Y. this week. Dude Foster has returned from a visit to Gallatin Tenn. The Moore Lodge, No. 3 B. O. C. P. will welcome 22 novices Tuesday, an account of which will appear in our next. The Octoroons left for Philadelphia Monday morning and the all absorbing query is how "How did Walter Smart manage to get left? Ben Underwood the lyric tenor has demonstrated that he can talk as well as sing.

J. HARRY JACKSON.

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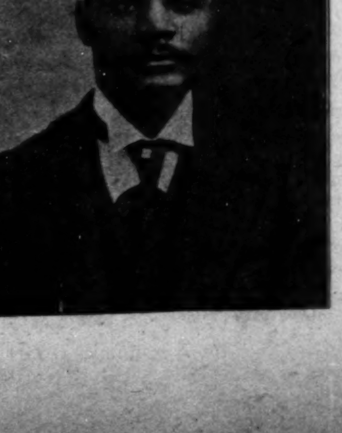

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WILMINGTON NOTES

REFLECTIONS, GLIMPSES, LIGHTS AND SHADOWS—AN EYE WITNESS

TALKS TO A FREEMAN REPORTER

An Exiled Ladies Labor of Love—A Sad Story Told in a Pleasant Way About the Recent Race Troubles.

In a westearn town not far remote, dwells a family of the number of Wilmington's exiles, although it is the happy Christmas tide that proclaims "Peace on earth, good will toward men;" yet to them, the benediction so divine in its source, brings not the comfort, the sweet consolation experienced by the watching shepherds on the Judean hills. Instead of peace man has invited discord—disorder with all their attendant train of evils. For, "good will," prejudice, hatred and persecution have laid their griping hands on many innocent nd defenceless ones in our "Land of the ree and home of the brave." This family has seen the quiet home broken up, have suffered innumerable losses and inonveniences and fled for safety from a ruel, relentless unsatiable mob. The little ones will look in vain for Santa Claus' annual visit; and when they sing—

"Hang up the baby's stocking—
Be sure and don't forget:
For the dear little dimpled darling,
Has never seen a Christmas yet."

The mother's eyes grow dim with unshed tears. Sad as are these circumstances, and though dark and uncertain looms the future before them, yet this mother grieves not so much over these discouragements as when reading and thinking of the accounts of the recent troubles which from time to time are given to the reading world; and notes how unfair, unjust and biased they are, and realizing how true it is that "a lie which is only a part of the truth, is a very hard matter to fight," a feeling of helpless despondency comes over her. She thinks of her race, which after centuries of patient bondage, was liberated made citizens and took her place among the nations of the earth; and after thirty-three years of progress, against fearful odds, in which time she has entered every avenue of life and attained, in some degree, unto everything that is great, good and desirable—yes after all this, and for all this—"judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." Tell me of the events connected with the troublous times of November 8, in the city from which you came and of your exile, I asked,—"Be patient and you shall hear." She replied. "Wilmington, you must know, is the metropolis of North Carolina, and lies on the sandy banks of the Cape Fear, about thirty miles from its entrance into the Atlantic, and eight miles, by nearest route from the beach that skirts a treacherous, dangerous coast. It is a city of 20,000 inhabitants, 13,000 Negroes and 7,000 whites. It is a busy city, as seaports are.

Shipping cotton, turpentine and naval stores principally. The German, Italian, Syrean and Chinese help to swell the population, and there is a large number of Jews in proportion. During the summers there is a great influx of visitors seeking the cool breezes and surf-bathing of old ocean. The climate is warm and the atmosphere very humid. There is sand, sand and sand again deep and heavy. There grow the pine and cypress and swamps, which awake visions of 'dred,' abound, with long gray moss veiling the trees making a wierd fantastic picture in the moonlight.

Here are excellent hotels, beautiful churches, handsome public buildings, splendid halls, belonging to different benevolent associations, and all that goes to make up a progressive southern city. Here is located one of the lovely national cemeteries, wherein lie the beloved union soldiers who died to preserve our country and place her as an exemplar among the governments of the universe.

'Twas in this city we had made our home—in a pretty cottage on one of the desirable streets. Here we dwelt, a happy, peaceful family. Nearby was an institution under the auspices of Northern Congregationalists—to this we sent our children—paying for their tuition one dollar per month. Near us also, was the Zion church, a very large brick structure, and adjoining was the parsonage, and just by was the Love and Charity Hall; one square away stood the Odd-Fellows' Hall, a handsome three-story brick structure." I will just tell you, she said, "Why I left a city so inviting and when I have more time I will tell you why others left."—* * * It was the night of November 10—Thursday—all day the city had been a scene of turmoil and bloodshed—"red shirts," red flames and red blood had painted a horrible picture. At eight o'clock my husband retired and the children began to make preparations to follow his example. During the day I heard one member of the mob say to another "we meet to-night at Fifth and Castle at eight o'clock, we have other things to do." These words haunted me all day. I gathered my little ones around me for their evening prayer and then I had them repeat an old familiar verse.—

"Lord keep us safe this night
Secure from all our fears,
May angels guard us while we sleep
'Till morning light appears."

Ere the words died on their innocent lips, a long whistle sounded—I peered through the drawn shutters and saw the electric light at the corner swinging four feet from the ground and darkened on three sides. Not many minutes thereafter the guard, stationed on the corner, to protoct the lives and property of citizens, called out "halt!" The reply went back, "white men, all white men." Then came a rap on the door, and a cal for my husband to come out.

He arose from bed and told them he could not come out, and if they would kill him they would have to do so inside. The word came back, "you must come out." to which he answered. "There is no one within save myself and family—you can come in." Whereupon he opened the door and the leader followed by any number from thirty to fifty stalked in almost filling the sitting-room and the hall and others were outside on the porch. Each man and boy was armed with rifles and had a white handkerchief tied on the upper left arm Wives and mothers who may read this, imagine, if you can, for one moment my feelings. Just then baby awoke. I took him in my arms and taking a lamp carried it in placed it on the table and turning I gave a quick searching look at the leader and said: You will not hurt him? he said: "No I give you my word not to hurt him." I left the room feeling so deathly sick and faint, my arms refused to clasp my baby and I asked my cousin to take him, I said to her go hear what they are saying, I cannot. She said, "I will try." In a few minutes I heard them leaving—my husband closed the door after them and told us they had given him until Sunday morning to leave the city as they no longer desired him there. It was then 8:30 and how to live from then until morning was the burden of our thoughts, and how could we leave and where would we go. Oh, long, long night and minutes that dragged by on leaden wings. We dreaded for baby to stir. Every slightest noise was magnified many folds. The horse tramping in the stable caused one to start and tremble. The wind never seemed to roar so loud in the chimney. Would morning never come? Yes, the longest night will have its dawning, and after weary fearful waiting the glorious sun came up out of the ocean's blue and shed its golden rays upon a desolate sorrowful scene. It was Friday—that unlucky day—but I could not entertain the thought of remaining another night in that city of terror. I looked in the mirror to see if I had not grown gray during that awful night. Immediately I began preparations for leaving. Scattering my possessions to the four winds and gathering our apparel we left our dear little home at five o'clock. The soldiers were passing the street and the guard (?) still stood on the corner. No Negro being allowed out after dark, we must perforce leave home at five and remain at the station until seven. Two more hours of agony and so great was the strain we sent a message to the mayor for protection until aboard the train, which was granted. We took a sleeper for greater safety and going miles out of our way left the South far behind us and like the Pilgrims on the Mayflower, or the Huguenots from France we sought a country where we believed we might be free."

THE FREEMAN CROWNED KING.

Elwood C, Knox, Esq.,

No one I am sure will attempt to deny the truth that the 1898 Christmas number of The Freeman is the finest edition of a Negro newspaper that has ever been published in the history of Negro journalism from whatever standpoint. My restless eagerness for its early arrival was more than repaid in its quiet perusals. Indeed it made me think more than ever of the possibilities to be obtained by a well supported Negro newspaper. I like to contribute to The Freeman because of the one principle it has,—a principle that cannot help but make it the ideal newspaper organ of the race; the endeavor to print all the news; not the news of certain factions or clicks, but as the people's paper, the news of the people, irrespective of their position in life.

The Freeman is certainly making rapid strides in advance of all its competitors and as I said on a former occasion in demonstrating in more ways than one that it is "the King of them all." Its 20 pages of the issue before me illustrates in every article that it is keeping abreast of the times and deserves the hearty support of the race throughout the country. All hail The Christmas Freeman '98.

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,
EDWARD ELMORE BROCK.
1525 Dean street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor Freeman:—Your Xmas number of The Freeman has excelled any paper daily or weekly that has reached Meridian so far. I have not got enough papers to fill my orders, please send me 10 more at once, and if I want more I hope you will let me have them, a great many took a copy that did not order it, therefore I have to order more. I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours for success in 1899,
T. MURRAY.
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Gratitude is one of the noblest impulses of the human heart, and in few instances has this fine quality been so conspicuously exemplified as in the case of Geo. B. Wright, of Marshall.

Mr. Wright is a merchant and well known citizen of Marshall, Mich., who was permanently cured of lost manhood and nervous debility after declining health for years. He now devotes his life to helping other men who suffer as he once suffered. Mr. Wright offers to send the medical prescription that effected a cure in his case to every reader of The Freeman who is suffering to-day. All who will write him a letter asking for a copy of the prescription will receive it by return mail free of any charge whatever.

Mr. Wright says no one can appreciate the horrors of lost manhood except he has suffered them. No one can help such sufferers unless he knows a cure and has himself been restored to full manhood. Mr. Wright's case was an extreme case. He suffered for many years. He saw his physical powers go from him as the result of insiduous disease until he was reduced to a condition of senility and the best doctors in the country gave him up to die.

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There is no question but what in his individual case the results were just as described, and it seems quite probable that any man who believes himself to be weak may profit by sending for this free prescription. Many people wonder how he can afford to send this prescription free, but it costs him little to do so and he feels a philanthropic interest in giving weak men an opportunity to cure themselves.

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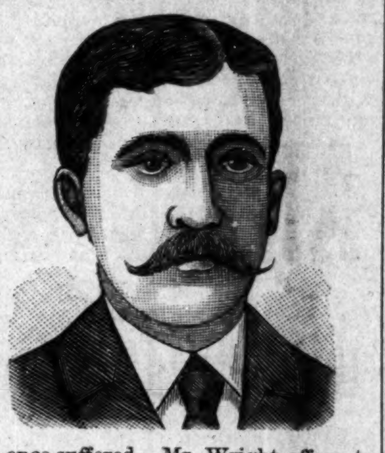

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W. J. BROYLES,
Fulton, Mo.

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W. H. H. BROWN,
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Dr. Porter:

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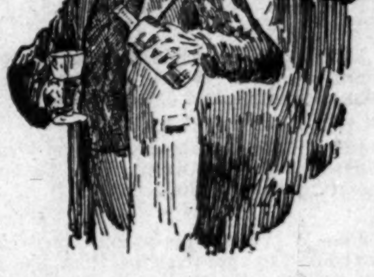

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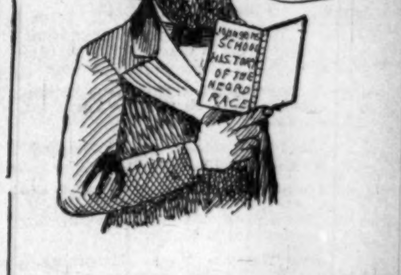
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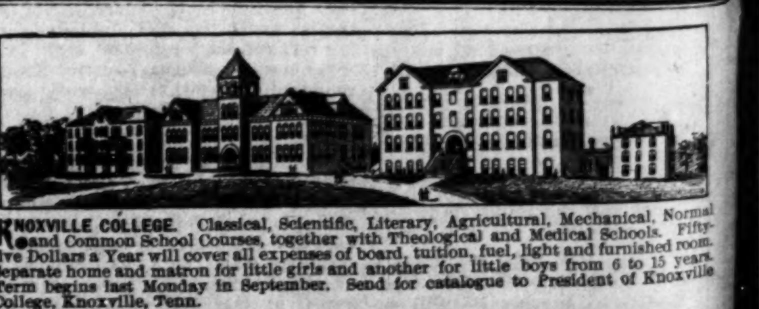

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RACE GLEANINGS

S. F. Blagburn is the marketmaster in Demoines, Iowa.

Alfonso D. Miller is a sketch artist of excellent ability. His studio is located in Pittsburg, Pa., where he has a throng of admirers. The race encourages him commendably.

J. B. Loving has been appointed deputy sheriff of Los Angles County, California, and Jacob Soarise, has been appointed to a responsible position on the Governor's staff at Sacramenta.

An effort will be made to hold an anniversary of the battle of San Juan hill, Cuba, in Chicago, July 1, 1899, and to ask the war department to permit the presence of two companies of each of the colored regiments which took part in that engagement.

The plan suggested by Mr. Magnus L. Robinson to erect a monument over the grave of the late Hon. Jno. M. Langston is a worthy one. Contributions are being received by Magnus L. Robinson, President Langston Monument Association, 606 S. Washington St., Alexandria, Va., J. W. Coles, secretary.

Edward Parker who was the faithful watchman at the tomb of Washington for many years, died last week from cancer of the stomach. He was a familiar figure to the thousands of pilgrims to Mount Vernon. He was born in Charleston, W. Va., but when his mother died in his infancy, he was bought by John E. Washington, and taken to Mount Vernon. For thirty years he lived there in slavery, until the war broke out, when he was sent over to Fort Washington, and served as cook for the soldiers. After the war when the Mount Vernon property passed into the hands of the association of patriotic American women, who still control it, Parker expressed a desire to spend the remainder of his days on the grounds of his youth. He was employed to watch the tomb of Washington and to prevent depredations on the trees and shrubbery.

The colored masons of Maryland are preparing to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the institution of that order among the colored people of that state, which occurs in February, 1900. Maryland is the first state south of Mason and Dixon's line in which Masonry was introduced among colored men. For a long time they were compelled to meet with open doors simply as a beneficial society, the law of Maryland prohibiting their meeting in secret. Many time while at work they were interrupted by the sudden appearance of some white man. They had their lodge rooms arranged that at a moment's notice everything could be slipped out of sight in a most incredible short time. The Maryland lodge holds its charter from the Pennsylvania Grand lodge and the Pennsylvania Grand lodge and the Prince Hall Grand lodge. So Maryland comes under that number which the Grand lodge of Washington state accords fraternal greetings.

In an indirect way a number of the Xmas editions of Negro newspapers fell into our hands. Typographically, they were a delight to the eye, and, editorially, a literry treat. All indicate a a remarkable progress in the journals of our race; the mechanical work on The Indianapolis Freeman, and many of our journals, is the work of Negro printers, and is a compliment to their genius.—The Kansas Plaindealer.

The Xmas edition of The Indianapolis Freeman was grand. It contained cuts of some of the leading men and women of our race and was printed on very fine paper. Its editorials, like they always are, were timely and interesting. It can be well said of all our Xmas editions, The Freeman excelled them with it twenty brilliant pages.—Christmas Index.

The Xmas number of The Indianapolis Freeman was the best all around special publication by colored men we have ever read. It consists of two quarto sheets and one folio, making twenty pages, six columns to the page with one hundred original and pictorial matter. The contributors are among the ablest Negro writers in the country and no man black or white, north or south can review this publication without becoming impressed with the journalistic efforts of Elwood C. Knox, managing editor of The Indianapolis Freeman.—Fiorida Sentinel.

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Tuskegee Institute Notes.

Tuskegee, Ala., Special.

Hugh M. Brown, formerly of the Washington colored high school, but now connected with the Hampton Institute as professor of science has recently been a welcome visitor at Tuskegee. While here he gave two interesting talks to the student body and a lecture on physics to the members of the faculty, and the two senior classes. The foundation will soon be laid for Huntington Hall a new dormitory for girls, given by Mrs. C. P. Huntington The yearly Tuskegee Conference will be held in connection with the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Wednesday, February 22nd. The school extends a hearty invitation to all persons who have interest in the work whic these conference sessions do.

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Three Steamers Didn't Understand It, but the Prince of Monaco Knew.

The Prince of Monaco has been known since 1885 as an enthusiastic student of the sea and its various forms of life. He usually spends his summers in the study of oceanographic problems, and his cruises have on some occasions been extended almost to the coasts of America. He delivered a lecture before the Royal Geographical society in London in which he told this incident:

One afternoon, while in the bay of Biscay, he sank the trap in which he collected specimens of sea life. It went to the bottom in over 12,000 feet of water, and as night approached he fastened to the wire attached to it an electric buoy and then stood off a mile or so. It did not happen to occur to him that he was right in the track of steamers plying between northern Europe and the Mediterranean, but he was reminded of the fact later.

As he and his 14 sailors were watching with a good deal of satisfaction the swaying buoy with its brilliant illumination a steamer's lights came into view. It was soon evident that the steamer was curious to know the meaning of the illumination, for she altered her course and made for the light. She knew that no fishing boats came out so far from land and so determined to solve the mystery. Up she came to within a quarter of a mile of the buoy, slowed up for a minute, and then started ahead, perhaps a little disgusted at the incident that had lured her several miles out of her course.

She had hardly got away when a second steamer came into view, and she, too, bore down upon the lighted buoy. The marines on the prince's vessel understood by this time that the illumination was probably believed to be evidence of a disaster. Just as the prince's steamer was moving up to explain matters she was nearly run down by one of the large liners in the oriental trade, which had also left her course to render what assistance she could.

The swell was very heavy, and the prince feared a collision as the three vessels approached the light like moths around a candle. He therefore veered off and the other vessels, after standing by for a few minutes, went on their way and probably never learned the cause of that night's illumination at sea.

But the incident gave the prince a pointer. He carefully refrained thereafter from exhibiting his electric buoy on any of the much traveled ocean routes.—New York Sun.

FOOLED IN A HORSE TRADE.

This Animal Possessed Several Remarkable Traits.

A prominent English landlord was one day riding across a common adjacent to his preserves when he overtook one of his tenants, who was also mounted. After the usual salutations they rode on in silence for some minutes, when the tenant slightly spurred his horse, a balky animal, whereupon it dropped to its knees.

"What's the matter with your horse?" asked his lordship. The embarrassed tenant remarked by way of explanation that his steed always acted that way when there was game to be found.

A moment later, to the tenant's satisfaction and surprise, a frightened hare jumped out of some bushes near by.

This so impressed the landlord that he at once drove a bargain by which he secured the tenant's barebacked beast in exchange for his own fine mount, perfectly saddled. With much agility the tenant leaped to his new horse, and all went well until they came to a small stream, whereat the landlord's new nag immediately balked. A drive home with the spurs brought it again to its knees.

"Hello, what's up now? There's no game here," said his lordship.

"True, my lord," was the ready reply, "but I forgot to tell you 'ee's as good for fish as 'ee is for game."—San Francisco Argonaut.

The Audience Got Angry.

There was a scene of wild excitement during the last week of May, 1892, at the Gaiety, London, and all owing to the singular behavior of a policeman. Two popular entertainers were on the stage, and one of them asked the audience a little conundrum, "Why is a policeman an utter scoundrel?"

A gentleman in blue who was apparently on duty in the body of the theater at once took offense. He jumped on to the stage and, seizing the offender, attempted to drag him off.

The audience rose in indignation. Men shook their fists and shouted, "What has he done?" One frenzied young lady in the front of the gallery seized a tumbler and would have thrown it at the policeman if her arm had not been arrested.

The policeman then dragged his captive off the stage amid the hisses and shouts of the audience. But anger was speedily changed to laughter when Mr. Policeman reappeared with his victim and stood revealed as one of the Cosmo trio. I never saw an audience so completely taken in.—London Correspondence.

Pigs and Witchcraft.

Two women of the lower class were quarreling violently the other evening in Heavitree, a suburb of Exeter. One yelled to the other: "You wretch, you always keep a black and a white pig, so that you can witch us! You ought to be scragged!" The one so addressed, it seems, has lived in her cottage some 20 years. She has during this period, it is said, always kept a couple of pigs, one of each color, and her neighbors consider she does this so that she may enjoy the very questionable powers of witchcraft. No butcher in the neighborhood will buy her pigs, as if he was known to do so he would certainly lose the local custom upon which he relies.—Notes and Queries.

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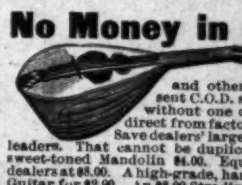
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Messrs Chas. Jordan and Louis Schooler of Chicago were in the city recently.

The funeral of Mrs. Leora Johnson was held at Bethel church Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Gussie Henderson, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Henderson.

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Prof. Joseph Jackson, of Terre Haute and some of his pupils called at The Freeman office Wednesday.

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The Booker T. Washington Club will give an entertainment at Allen Chapel Wednesday evening the 25th.

Mrs. Hammonds, of Louisville, Ky., is in the city the guest of Mrs. Preston Scott, N. Senate avenue.

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Miss Ada Harris, principal of the Norwood school was severly injured last week by being assaulted by one of her scholars.

Mr. Henderson Skinner, a well known young man of this city was quietly married to Miss Edna Harris, Tuesday evening. They are at home to friends in Blake street.

Mr. Joseph Broyles will start a meat market Monday and will deliver all kinds of fresh and smoked meats, game, fish and oysters. Mr. Broyles is well known in Indianapolis for his business qualifications, and we predict for him success. Friends give Mr. Broyles your orders and help in this colored man's enterprise. It is when we help the deserving, that we can expect consideration for our young coming business men. Give him a start.

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Regarding Insurance see lawyers Henderson and Burkett.

Mrs. Turner wife of the deceased Mr. Turner who died two weeks ago in this in this city, is dead, may her soul join in happy re-union her husband so recently gone before her in a brighter nd better world than this.

Mrs. Ella Lyons, age 56, died Saturday at the residence of her daughter Mrs. Rose Blakemore, in Anderson, Ind. Mrs. Lyons was well known in this city being a member of the Tabernacle. Her funeral occurred Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, She has one daughter Mrs. Geo. Brown resides who in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Brown attended the funeral.

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"Major" Taylor arrived in the city Sunday spending a few days with his many friends and admirers here. The "Major" was just down from Chicago where he was in attendance at the Sager Gear Co., of Worcester, Mass. He intends to go to Europe this season. He left Friday for New York City.

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Weddings—News Notes.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

The public school opened on the 9th. Mrs. Allce McCauley is on the sick list. Lee Jordan and Miss L. Taylor were married on the 5th, Rev. M. S. McDaney officiating. Joe Falkes and Prova Arnold were married Sunday the 8th, at the C. P. church.

THE FIELD OF SPORT.

BY NED LMO BEE.

Willie ("Sheets") Martin, the jockey has signed to ride for turfman David Gideon the coming season.

The death of Albert Cooper the well known horse trainer is said to have been due to worriment over the failure of race horses Peter the Great and Torchbearer, which cost him $15,000.

It is quite likely that Joe Gans and George Dixon, the "Mystery," will be matched to box before the Hawthorne Athletic Club of Hartford, Conn., some time this month. The Club offers a purse of $1,000. Gans' manager has accepted.

Al Herford, the manager of Joe Gans and Tim Taney, the colored Baltimore boxer, has discovered a colored heavyweight in the person of John Matthews, whom he thinks will be a great fighter with proper handling.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 4 (Special.)—The Hawthorne A. C., of this city has offered a purse of $15,000 for a meeting between George Dixon and Martin Flaherty at any weight the boxers may agree upon. The Hawthorne will give a show on Washington's birthday.

London, Jan., 10.—After having signed an agreement to box Bobby Dobbs, of Minneapolis, twenty-rounds before the National Sporting Club, of London, on March 6, for a purse of $6,250, Dick Burge now flatly refuses to adhere to the agreement signed by himself and Dobbs, and the match has therefore been cancelled.

Joe Gans, the colored boxer, received $1375 as the winner's end of the purse and about $400 on outside bets by beating Jack Daly. Gans left for his home in Baltimore, and before leaving he stated he intended to buy a house in Baltimore and make his mother a present New Year's. The receipts of the show were over $3400, and as the boxers fought for 50 per cent of the gross receipts, Gans received the above mentioned amount, while Daly got over $500 for the loser's end.

On the night of Saturday, January 7th, Jim Janey, the colored welterweight of Baltimore, Md., made his apperance in Brooklyn, N. Y., before the Greenwood Athletic Club, against Andy Walsh, the well built middleweight, in a twenty-round bout at 150 pounds. The newspapers all said that Janey made a good impression although the decision was against him. The Clubhouse was entirely packed on the occasion. After the bout Janey said he broke several fingers of both hands.

Jerry Marshall, the famous Australian colored boxer, who met Joe Fairburn, at the Nonpariel Club, in Philadelphia, Pa., is anxious for a return match, as he says he was in no condition to do himself justice. Marshall had been suffering from an attack of grip, and had been in bed for several days. Marshall wanted to get out of the contest with Fairburn, but his manager begged him not to throw the club managers down and Jerry agreed to box. He says that in a week or ten days, he could be in good shape, and that if given another chance he can defeat Fairburn or any other 125 pound boxer in Philadelphia.

New York, Jan. 12,—Joe Walcott who has been begging his manager Tom O'Rourke, to arrange a match for him with some one, has been secured to meet Australian Jimmy Ryan in a limited-round bout at the People's Theatre in Cincinnati, the early part of February, A representative of the club that will pull off the fight had a talk with O'Rourke yesterday relative to the match. As the inducements offered were satistactory O'Rourke accepted and asked the matchmaker to send him the articles of agreement as soon as possible. Walcott should have an easy time in disposing of Ryan, as the latter does not class with him in any way. Ryan however has always held the opinion he can beat Walcott, and will try to make good his boast. They will box at catch weights for 50 per cent of the gross receipts.

News Notes.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Special.

Miss Nelson of Guthrie was in the city recently. All the boys went back to the Grand avenue hotel. Mr. James Taylor is head-waiter. The boys expect to open a club room here soon. When you want The Freeman call at 323 Grand avenue, I. H. Eldridge, agent.

News of Interest.

Petersburg, Va., Special.

The cake walking fad has taken possession of Petersburg. On Monday night a party of young men and ladies have arrange to have a contest. The indications are that a large crowd will witness the contest. On every side the talk is nothing but the cake walk. It is predicted that some steps will be introduced that would do justice to Billy Farrell or "Frog Eye." Mr. C. P. Royal who has been sick with the la grippe is improving. Mr. Nicholas Harris who has been on a visit to his brother in Philadelphia, returned on last Friday after having had an enjoyable trip. Mr. Walter MacLen, of New York, returned home after an enjoyable visit to his parents. Our townsman, Mr. Charles Jones who was paralyzed sometime ago is gradually improving. Mr. W. A. Hunton, the general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was in the city last week and held several meetings. Rev. Mr. Anderson of the Oak street church will address the meeting next Sunday.

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